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SUBJECT: BRITISH THOUGHTS ON ME DEBATE IN UN

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1. FCO ASST UNDERSECRETARY PARSONS GAVE US SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF BRITISH THINKING CONSISTENT WITH REFTELS,
2. PARSONS SAID THIS IS FIRST UNSC ME DEBATE SINCE 1967 WHICH NOT CARRIED OUT UNDER URGENCY OF DOING SOMETHING SPECIFIC WITHIN SHORT TIME FRAME. IT IS NOT RELATED TO ANY INCIDENT AND HAS NO CUT- OFF DATE. FCO THEREFORE HOPES DISCUSSION WILL PROCEED ALONG QUIET, CONSTRUCTIVE LINES TO POSITIVE - NOT HEADLINE- SEEKING - CONCLUSION. HE HOPES IT CAN BE DRAWN OUT AND WOULD PERSONALLY SEE NOTHING AMISS IF IT CONTINUED SEVERAL MONTHS OR LONGER, WITH COMMITTEE PERHAPS BEING SET UP TO CARRY OUT FURTHER STUDIES. ME DISCUSSION CAN BE PUT ASIDE AND OTHER MATTERS DEALT WITH AS THEY COME

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UP. PARSONS THINKS THIS STANDS GOOD CHANCE OF SUITING EGYPTIAN NEED TO SHOW SOMETHING IS HAPPENING, AND THUS PUT OFF MILITARY OR OTHER DRAMATIC MEASURES THAT SADAT KEEPS PROMISING EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. (WE NOTE CONSONANCY OF GHANEM' S REMARKS REPORTED LAST PARA OF CAIRO 1474).

3. PARSONS CONFIRMED BRITISH ESTIMATE THAT EGYPTIANS SERIOUSLY SEEKING CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME. FCO' S MAXIMUM EXPECTATION ENCOMPASSES POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORWARD MOTION TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF SETTLEMENT. ITS MINIMUM EXPECTATION IS PROVIDING SOMETHING TO KEEP EGYPTIANS RELATIVELY QUIESCENT (PER REFTELS).

4. PARSONS MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF GETTING AROUND FEBRUARY 1971 JARRING MEMORANDUM BY REFERENCE TO REPORT AS A WHOLE (THUS SHOWING IT IS IDEA WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN LONDON AS WELL AS NEW YORK, STATE 94106). HE ALSO SEEMED TAKEN WITH " NAMIBIA- STYLE" ADVISORY GROUP OF THREE TRUE NEUTRALS AS MENTIONED. FOLLOWING NAMIBIA PRECEDENT, SOLE FUNCTION OF SUCH GROUP, PARSONS SAID, WOULD BE AS PEOPLE TO WHOM SYG REPORTS FIRST, BEFORE REPORTING TO SC AS A WHOLE.

5. PARSONS CONFIRMED BRITISH DISILLUSIONED ABOUT PERSONAL SYG ROLE AS NEGOTIATOR. SYG HAS DEMONSTRATED HE FOLDS UP TENT AT FIRST DIFFICULTY, AND ME PROBLEM FRAUGHT WITH DIFFICULTIES. JARRING OR SOMEONE ELSE REMAINS POSSIBILITY.

6. PARSONS ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY USE COULD BE FOUND FOR " ONLY LANGUAGE EVER ACCEPTED PUBLICLY BY ISRAEL AND THE ARABS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTING RES 242," NAMELY LANGUAGE OF JUNE 1970 ROGERS INITIATIVE. HE MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS THINKING OF THAT GENERAL LANGUAGE, NOT " ROGERS PLAN" AS SUCH.

7. WE IN TURN MADE IT CLEAR TO PARSONS THAT WE WERE NOT CONSULTING WITH HIM BUT ONLY KEEPING TRACK OF HIS THINKING ON SUBJECT. HE AGREES THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE IN NEW YORK.

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